(*b*) whether they are aware that after cutting down the timber duly obtained by M. R. P. license, the ryots are unable to get a transport permit for years and years;

(*c*) whether they would take action for avoiding the delay?

A.—Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA (Minister for Forests).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (*b*).

MAKING USE OF WATERS OF VEDAGANGA AND DOODHANGANGA RIVERS FOR IRRIGATION FACILITIES OF CHIKODI TALUK.

Q.—263. Sri B. G. KHOT (Sadalga).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

whether any steps are taken to make use of the waters of Vedaganga and Doodhanganga rivers for irrigation facilities for Chikodi Taluk?

A.—Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

The possibilities have been investigated and it is found that the country in this region does not admit of construction of either a tank or a bhandara. The only feasible proposition appears to be to afford Lift Irrigation facilities which can be considered for implementation when electric power is made available to the area.

INCREASE IN OFFENCES AS A RESULT OF THE ABOLITION OF THE POLICE STATION LOCATED AT AGARA VILLAGE IN YELANDUR TALUK.

Q.—283. Smt. KEMPAMMA (Kollegal).—

Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the people are afraid to go about from village to village as the menace from thieves has increased after the abolition of the Police Station, which was located at Agara village in Yelandur Taluk;

(*b*) if so, the number of villagers in the Taluk that have been manhandled and robbed by thieves;

(*c*) the number of thieves arrested and prosecuted by the Police, in respect of the above offences and whether the police are patrolling the villages?

A.— Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Home).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) No such incidents have been reported from the limits of the former Outpost at Agara. However, only one stray incident of robbery was reported from the limits of Yelandur Police Station on 8th February 1961 and it is under investigation.

(*c*) No arrests have been made so far in respect of the incident mentioned in the reply to clause (*b*). Regular Police beats to the villages have been arranged and the police officers are frequently visiting the villages.

SANCTION OF AMOUNT TO THE N. E. S., ARKALGUD TALUK FOR IRRIGATION WORKS.

* *Q*.—288. Sri PUTTE GOWDA (Arkalgud).—

Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the amount of Government grant sanctioned to the N.E.S, Arkalgud Taluk, under the 2nd Five-Year Plan for the Irrigation Works ;

(*b*) the amount spent upto the year 1960, out of the grant;

(*c*) the amount of the balance unspent and the reasons for not utilising the entire grant ;

(*d*) the action taken by them in the matter for the non-utilisation of the full grant?

A.— Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY (Deputy Minister for Planning and Development).—

(*a*) Rs. 3,50,000.

(*b*) Rs. 2,54,000.

(*c*) and (*d*) The unspent balance as on 1st January 1961 was Rs. 96,000. Out of this a sum of Rs. 34,209 has already been spent during January 1961 and the balance of Rs. 61,791 will be spent before 31st March 1961, the date upto which the period of operation of this block has been extended.

CONSTRUCTION OF TANK IN PAVAGADA TALUK.

* *Q*.—305. Sri P. ANJANAPPA (Sira).—

Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the extent of the achkat that may come under Siddappana-kere in Pavagada Taluk, if the tank is constructed ;

(*b*) whether they are aware that the water from the catchment of the above tank is flowing to Andhra Pradesh area ;